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#### Williamstown.

Thomas Marshall, son of the late "Genl" Marshall of East Brookfield, has lately entered as a clerk in the Lynde store here. Frank Downs expects soon to be able to resume his work there.

Mrs. Charles C. Staples has lately had as a guest her sister, Mrs. Oliver Carpenter of Marshfield.

A former resident who has lately written us from Missouri, seems somewhat surprised at the number of Republicans to be found in that State.

Neal B. Smith, son of Marcus A. Smith, decided to continue his vacation nearly through last week before starting on his return to the Island of Trinidad, South America. After a boyhood on his father's farm here Mr. Smith served a clerkship in the Lynde store and then entered upon a course in Eastman's Commercial College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. This led to obtaining a position with an Asphalt Company in New York city. After serving there a few years the company sent him in 1888 to Trinidad, where he has since been. We had the great pleasure of looking over a volume of photographs that enabled us to see him in the surroundings of his daily life and work there. The island, which is off the coast of Venezuela, is some ten degrees north of the equator, and subject to great heat. Mr. Smith seems to like well the government control of the island. The work of the company with which he has to do is obtaining asphalt, a mineral which comes from there and shipping it to New York. He has good health and everything indicates that he must be giving excellent satisfaction to his employers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Longue, who had been quite a long time the State Industrial School in Vergennes, are employed in an industrial school in Maine.

Mrs. Leavitt S. Hayward is the victim of lay fever.

Frank Downs was ill last week. He had to give up his usual work and go home to recover.

Mrs. Harvey L. Cheney and son, Royal, accompanied Charles R. Amesworth and family on their return to Illinois last week. Mrs. Cheney's first visit is to be with her sister, Mrs. Ellen Lynde, wife of the late Walter Lynde, at Ottawa, Kansas. Mrs. Cheney has been in very poor health from a nervous condition of the liver, and it is thought can live but a little time.

Mrs. J. Edward Amesworth of Melrose, Ill., accompanied by Mrs. M. J. White and daughter of Melrose, Mass., left here on Saturday for a visit to the Amesworth relatives in Claremont, N. H., and from there will go to their homes.

Road Commissioner O. A. Blanchard of our village says he had never before known the mercury at his home so high in the morning as it was last Wednesday. The heat was very hard upon his force working on the road.

Lewis M. Seaver has lately made his first visit of some days in New York city on business since moving his family here.

Owing to the continued illness of his grandmother, Mrs. Hiram Ellis, David Gale has given up work for the present in Barre and is at the old home here.

The Ladies' Reading Club, that has been in active existence for years, is this week to resume its work. The subject of study for the coming season will be "English Literature and contemporary history."

At the next meeting of our Grange, the first Wednesday in October there is to be a discussion of high license vs. prohibition. It is said it was difficult at first to find a disputant to take the high license side of the question, but finally a proponent, familiar with the arguments for that side, consented to present them. Of the several fraternities in our town, we should judge that hardly another one is doing so many sided a work as our Grange.

The sermon to the fraternity of Odd Fellows that Rev. Francis A. Kimball planned to preach some weeks ago, was postponed to last Sunday.

Though time and facts are always emphasizing and all true practical wisdom, special occasions sometimes add special force to wholesome words. May not the present, in a good time to quote the following, said to be among Horace Greely's dying words, viz, "Faith is a vapor, popularity an accident, riches take wings, those who cheer today will curse tomorrow; only one thing endures—character."

Dr. W. J. Tindal moved his office from Rev. William Schell's house to the Edison Brothers' block.

Fred Winslow's father of Berlin, hopes now that the cancerous trouble from which he had suffered, has been cured by Dr. E. B. Watson's treatment.

Mrs. Robert Gamble of Groton was in town Friday with her little girl who is suffering from asthma, hoping to find Dr. Watson.

men's votes at election times. It seemed so incredible to him that he says he nearly gave his information to the State of New York when he was told by one of them that quite a large body of workmen in a certain establishment near him were paid a day's wages and their hour to lay off work on election day and vote in the interests of a very prominent candidate for the New York legislature. It was an eye opener, and later he made amends to the Vermonters, on whom alone he came near laying a lie.

Presiding Elder J. O. Sherburne, preached morning and evening at the Methodist church here last Sunday. That, of course, meant some excellent sermons.

Mrs. Clinton N. York, rendered fine assistance in the Congregational church last Sunday morning. On Monday she returned to her home in New York city. Next week her sister, Miss Clara Branch, will come to New York, to remain with her for a time.

A second son was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Horace M. Farnham.

Some thirty-five to forty persons enjoyed a corn roast at Willie Briggs' home last Saturday evening.

Miss Emma Spencer of Plainfield is visiting the family of her two brothers, Maynard and Ralph.

Henry Nixon's family was with her parents near Newbury the first of the week.

Mrs. George Bosworth and son are at her old home in Berlin this week.

Mrs. Harry Seaver and son of Boston, are visiting in the family of Carl W. Seaver.

Miss Lydia Hartig is announced to give an illustrated lecture here on Monday evening of this week in the lecture hall of the great Home Missionary society. Much is expected of it, in the way of instruction and interest.

Irving, son of Theodore Wilford, begins work this week in the book store of M. D. Rice of Montpelier, who was one time in business here.

Up to the first of this week, Mrs. Enos F. Walker, only sister of Presiding Elder Walter R. Dows, who lives in Ludlow, had had no direct news from him as to his sickness.

Forrest Seaver's grass crop is said to have been materially hurt by the ravages of grasshoppers this year. There was a loss also suffered by them somewhat.

Although it would seem that the farmers in our town have had a good deal to be thankful for this year in the way of crops, the rainfall has been larger than last year, and there was no frost to speak of till late week when we had a single light one in places. Early crops are plentiful, pastures have dried to last year's level, and the yield of milk in late weeks but the large amount of corn fodder now cultivated by the farmers has robbed short grass crops of the old time quality.

Some one has just told us of a peculiarity of a worthy townsman of an earlier generation who seemed to fail to see his own marked propensity for quizzing others, but had a way of saying to him, "I don't ask questions; I just wait and see."

The work of squaring up the Lynde store building on the north side of it, was begun on Monday.

Mrs. Flora Benedict Colby was called from Burlington on Monday to attend the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Warner Colby of Barre.

Mrs. Hattie Brock of Prichard & Hay's store, was at her home in West Newbury last week on account of illness.

Mrs. Jennie Gaffield, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Sherburne, went to St. Johnsbury Friday to spend a few days.

Mrs. Van Campen Taylor of New York city is at Hotel Low.

Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Kilbourn went to Burlington Saturday to spend a week.

Madam Peaslee and Miss Julia Johnson were called to Chicago last week by the serious illness of Ed Peaslee.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hunt and Miss Hunt took a carriage drive to Lebanon the first of the week to visit their son, A. B. Hunt.

Miss Karlene Hutchinson, who has been quite ill for the last few days, is slowly improving.

Eugene Prescott and Charles Allen returned from their New York trip last Wednesday.

K. J. Coffin, Ed. Mann, Will Noyse and Tom Farley have returned from their deer hunt. They report "no luck at all."

Mr. and Mrs. George Bagley visited their aunt, Mrs. Cragie, in South Ryegate Saturday and Sunday.

The Relief Corps has changed its time of meeting to the first and third Wednesday evenings at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. C. H. Peters and Misses Low and Ethel started for Denver, Col., Saturday.

Mrs. John H. Weston is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry E. Parker.

Mrs. Harry Stevens is confined to the house by illness.

Mrs. J. H. Watson closed their house here, and returned to Montpelier last Saturday.

Misses Marion and Ada Albee spent a few days at their home in Fairlee last week.

Quite a number of the members of Company G, Spanish-American war veterans, attended their third annual reunion at Camp Pickett, near Newbury, last Saturday. Horace W. Bailey kindly gave them the use of his grounds for the day. All report a fine time.

**Corinth.**

Born September 15, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles White.

News has been received the past week of the death of Hale Knight of Ravenswood. He was buried September 14. He leaves two daughters, three brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Mary Tenney moved back to her home last Friday after having lived with her invalid sister, the late Mrs. Rosannah Doe, for a long time. Mrs. Laura Ann Mead is to care for Mrs. Tenney.

Allen Ladd and family moved back to their home farm the past week.

Mrs. G. S. Worcester and son of Theford and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinney of Barre were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kinney on Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Hastings' baby was buried at the Meadow cemetery on Thursday.

Mrs. Lucy Orit has gone to Barre to help care for her uncle, Hiram Robie.

Mrs. B. B. Scribner and daughter Dorothy, are away visiting. Mrs. Munson is caring for the family during their absence.

Jerry Diney is very much better, being able to walk around out of doors.

**Bradford Center.**

School commenced September 10, with Miss Batchelder of Corinth as teacher.

Jones Stevens met with quite an accident on Sunday while coming from Bradford. His horse became frightened at a broken tree on the wagon and ran, throwing Mr. Stevens over his head and shoulders quite badly. Mr. Stevens was unconscious for several minutes. The horse got loose from the wagon and went back to the barn, where it was found and bruised. The wagon was pretty badly broken.

John Barrett and wife and Alonzo Shepard are visiting at their father's. They are to spend the week there.

C. C. Aldrich is ill.

Ernest Macleure is ill with a bilious attack.

Mrs. John Prescott, James McKinnley's housekeeper, is quite sick. Mrs. George Doe is working there.

Miss Ann Townsend is staying with her grandfather, Mrs. George Sillaway, attending school.

Leo Macleure, who is working for Warren Davis the blacksmith, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. N. F. Kuley, on Sunday.

**Waterbury.**

Merrill O. Evans, Jr., left on Monday for Ithaca, N. Y., to enter Cornell University.

T. J. Cummins has resigned his position at the Vermont Hospital for the Insane as assistant pathologist. He is spending a few weeks at his home at Vineland, N. J., before resuming his medical studies in college. George Wood of Adams, Mass., is to take Mr. Cummins' place at the hospital.

V. V. Henderson, now employed as freight brakeman on the White River division of the Central Vermont railroad, was at home on Sunday.

F. H. Bonerville, who for some weeks has been visiting relatives in town, has returned to Lawrenceville, N. J.

Miss Maud E., sister of Rev. L. K. Williams, rendered several solos in a musical manner at the Methodist church on Sunday.

Special meetings will be held at the Methodist church on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week. Rev. W. M. Weston of Montpelier will have charge on Friday evening, Rev. C. O. Jenkins of Montpelier on Tuesday evening. Miss Maud E. Williams will assist in the singing each evening.

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**IN CHINA.**

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says Li Hung Chang considers that the preliminary difficulty of the negotiations consists in the necessity, which he realizes, of denouncing Prince Tuan and his accomplices to the throne. He is of the opinion that it would be advisable for the allies to take the initiative by compiling a list of those held chiefly responsible and by formulating their demands accordingly.

The Paris correspondent of the Morning Post says: "France and Russia, I have been assured, have agreed to demand the complete disarmament of China, including the razing of the Tientsin arsenal, the fortifications and arsenals elsewhere."

SHANGHAI, Sept. 15.—Prince Ching has arrived here under an escort of British and Japanese cavalry. He spent the night in his own palace. Sharp diplomatic play is expected for an advantage but any definite negotiations will probably not take place until Li Hung Chang shall have arrived and the question of his authority shall have been disposed of. The Japanese minister to China, Baron Nishi, stated to a representative of the Associated Press that he wished an investigation to be made of Li Hung Chang's credentials. He believed that Prince Ching was the only man in authority.

Li Hung Chang says he will go to Peking if circumstances demand it, and that Prince Ching and himself had full authority from the Dowager Empress and the Emperor to negotiate a settlement with the powers, explaining that there were no other commissioners for China.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The British government is considering the transfer of troops from South Africa to India in order to make it practicable to send more British troops to China. The military authorities consider the war in South Africa so far ended that the troops may now be safely moved.

It is probable that the Russian legation has already been removed from Peking to Tientsin, but there is no definite news as yet as to whether Li Hung Chang will after all go to Peking. General Dordard is going to the capital leaving the British troops at Tientsin under command of Brigadier General Horne Campbell. Vice-Admiral Alexieff has returned to Taku. The Americans have begun at Ho Si Wu a permanent telephone line between Peking and Tientsin.

Shanghai dispatches say a house has been engaged there for Count Von Waldersee, who is expected to arrive next Saturday. Chinese officials estimate that 20,000 disbanded Chinese soldiers by the simple expedient of turning their coats managed to remain behind in Peking. Other despatches confirm the report that, in addition to Hsu Tung, guardian of the heir apparent, Yu Lu, viceroy of Chi Li, and Wang Yi Yung, president of the imperial academy, with 200 members of the officials families, committed suicide when the allies entered Peking.

PEKING, Sept. 17.—The allied generals were in conference here four hours on Saturday. The principal topic was how best to encourage the Chinese to return to work. It was agreed that looting should cease and that foraging parties should be accompanied by an officer who should give receipts for all supplies taken. The question of wintering at Tientsin was brought up with a view of ascertaining, if possible, the attitude of the Russians. Gen. Linewitch announced that most of his troops would winter there.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The State department has received a despatch from the consul at Fu Chan, China, transmitting a copy of an agreement entered into between the viceroy and the general of Fuh Kien province, and the foreign consuls at Fu Chan, which provides in his absence, Chinese authorities will do everything in their power to protect the lives and property of foreign officers, merchants and missionaries resident in Fuh Kien and at Amoy that central and southern China shall not be attacked by the foreign powers so long as the local authorities maintain order and that the admirals of the several navies will be informed that it is not advisable that a number of naval vessels should visit Pu Chai lest the people be alarmed. The agreement is signed by the Russian, United States, Japanese, British, French consuls and by Viceroy Hsu Ying Kuei and Gen. Shanlian.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—The Daily Graphic this morning asserts that all the powers have accepted Li Hung Chang and will probably accept Prince Ching as negotiators. It says also that the powers have agreed to insist that a central government, satisfactory to the powers shall be established in China and that full retribution shall be exacted for the attacks upon the legations.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The general impression here is that nothing can be done in the settlement of the Chinese difficulty until the Chinese themselves have progressed further toward the restoration of the government at Peking. Meanwhile the military preparations for a winter stay in China go on without cessation, though the officials are careful to point out that these are only precautionary measures and are not to be taken as an indication of a final determination on the part of the government.

The suggested removal of the Chinese capital from Peking to Shanghai is now practically abandoned. The main reason given is the difficulty of communication between Shanghai and Peking during the winter months.

**THE STRIKE.**

HAZELTON, Pa., Sept. 17.—Ten thousand miners are striking in fifth anthracite district today out of over fourteen thousand in that region. Before night it is believed many others will join the strikers. The strikers have all the highways guarded and meet men to persuade them to go home. Jeddo colliery, where President Mitchell and his organizers who concentrated his efforts last week is at work this morning. Mitchell said to our correspondent this morning: "As far as I know things look good. I can not give you details yet."

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Sept. 17.—Fourteen out of 50,000 miners have quit in the Schuylkill region.

SHUMORIN, Pa., Sept. 17.—Ten collieries have closed down and about ten thousand men and boys are idle.

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 17.—Operators admit that the district is dead, and not enough men have reported to make an attempt to work any collieries today. Quiet prevails throughout the district.

The following was posted at strike headquarters at noon: "Miners and mine laborers, District 1, greeting! Reports to noon show every mine in District 1 closed down. One of the greatest strikes in the history of the country is on between Capital and Labor. We ask you to remain firm on the property of the company. Let us show the world that we are peaceful and law-abiding citizens, only asking what is fair and honest to all. The entire press, or most of it, is with us in this strike. It is a struggle for home and family. The general public is a unit in wishing to see us win.

Our position has been honest. One and all say amen to the cause of right as against might. So, brothers, let us remain true and loyal and as we have 75,000 men idle in the district, let us have that many idle at the finish. The great God of justice is on our side, and prayers are going up all over the land for success. (Signed) FRED DILKER.

HAZELTON, Sept. 17, Noon.—The inability of the Union to tie up this district completely will make this the worst center for some time to come. Figure previously sent still stand, though both sides are claiming gains for tomorrow. The gains thus far today favor the strikers. The Upper Lehigh started this morning but did not stop. No colliery on Gravel Cross Creek had to suspend because the drivers quit. Several others are working very short handed.

Sandy Run, Oakdale, Coleraine, Lamer and Harwood mines are working practically a full complement of men. The south side collieries are completely tied up. This is in McAdoo district where during the 1897 strike the turbulent element took the road starting marching tactics. It is feared this will be repeated and lead to trouble though the leaders say they will not countenance such tactics this time.

HAZELTON, Pa., Sept. 18.—The strike situation this morning shows that the union has made slight gains since yesterday in the upper Schuylkill. All the Readings collieries are being worked, also those of Markie & Co. Par